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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Brenda L. Coleman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 15 and 22-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 22-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-10, 15 and 22-24 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicant's amendment filed July 21, 2005. Claim 15 has been amended, claim 21 has been canceled and claims 22-24 are newly added.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed July 21, 2005 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. The applicant's amendments and arguments are sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of claim 21, labeled paragraph 1 maintained in the last office action, which is hereby **withdrawn**.
2. The applicant's amendments and arguments are sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 21, labeled paragraph 2 maintained in the last office action, which is hereby **withdrawn**.

In view of the amendment dated July 21, 2005, the following new grounds of rejection apply:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reason(s) apply:

- a) Claim 15 is a substantial duplicate of claim 23 as the only difference is a statement of intended use, which is not given material weight. Note In re Tuominen 213 USPQ 89.

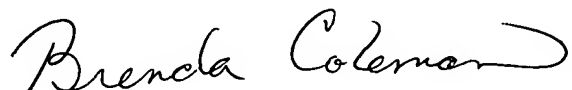
Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-10 are allowable over the prior art. However, the Applicants' attention is directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,844,440 (claims 44 and 45 such that instant formula (I) is where R^1 is the formula and R^{3a} and R^{3b} are both methoxy, R^5 is COOR specifically COOMe and COOEt, m is 1 and R^2 is aralkyl, specifically benzyl), which while not competent as a reference against the instant claims, claims subject matter that is similar and/or identical to that claimed herein. **Two patents cannot issue on the same subject matter**, unless applicants can demonstrate that the claims are patentably distinct from the claims of this US patent, the only way to overcome this patent is by way of Interference proceedings or removal of the conflicting subject matter. See MPEP 2306.
5. Claims 22-24 are allowed. None of the prior art of record or a search in the pertinent art area teaches the compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula (I) where R^5 in the formula represents a halogen atom (provided that fluorine is excluded), hydroxy group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, cyano group, a halogeno C_{1-6} alkyl group, a cyano C_{1-6} alkyl group, an amino C_{1-6} alkyl group, nitro group, an azido group, an optionally substituted amino group, an optionally substituted carbamoyl group, mercapto group or a C_{1-6} thioalkoxy group.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda L. Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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